

Secures \$400,000 for 6th District for Police Projects; Funding Pending Senate Approval

Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Charlie Wilson (OH-6) voted to approve legislation that invests in two of our nation's top priorities – protecting Americans at home and spurring scientific research and innovation. In addition, the bipartisan Commerce, Justice and Science (CJS) Appropriations bill includes a \$100,000 earmark for the Jackson Township Police Department in Mahoning County and a \$300,000 earmark for the Lawrence County Sherriff and 911 Center.

"I'm proud to have secured the funding for my district," Wilson said. "The Jackson Township Police Department is in need of upgrades and the Lawrence County Sherriff and 911 Center is in need of a city-wide emergency radio communication system. This system would allow for instantaneous voice and data exchange between the police and fire departments as well as street, water and sewer departments, for example."

The CJS Appropriations bill begins to lay a new foundation for lasting prosperity and security with investments in programs that help local and state governments keep their citizens safe, and research and development programs that facilitate scientific innovation and discovery. In an effort to find savings and fund higher-priority programs, the bill eliminates 11 programs and cuts funding for another 13 programs below the 2009 level.

As a result of this bill and the Recovery Act passed earlier this year, states will be able to boost crime prevention and hire 7,000 new police officers nationwide. The combined bills will mean 225 additional police officers in Ohio.

In the areas of justice and crime-prevention, the legislation also:

- Significantly increases funding for the FBI to boost our national security efforts, address the growing threat of cyber crime and prosecute financial fraud.
- Invests heavily in protecting our borders, providing \$2 billion for the Drug Enforcement Administration to combat drug trafficking with 128 new positions in the Southwest and enhanced resources to investigate, disrupt and dismantle major Mexican drug cartels.
- Provides additional funding for the prosecution of violent crimes against women and strengthens services for the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Invests \$1.1 billion in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to reduce violent crime and combat drug trafficking along the southwest border.

The bill also makes significant investments in scientific research and innovation. Specifically, the legislation:

- Helps our students succeed in a global job market by investing in science, technology, engineering and math education.
- Renews our commitment to reduce global climate change with funding for research.
- Invests \$6.9 billion in the National Science Foundation for the most promising scientific research and innovation.